Blandford Lodge of Masons Will Officiate, Assisted by Its

Sister Lodges.

Tom Coles, Assailant of Mecklenburg County Girl, Likely to Die Before Law Can Exact Penalty for Crime to Which He Has Confessed.

PETERSBURG, VA., April 1 .-- Blandford Lodge of Masons, assisted by its sister lodges, Petersburg and Powbatan Starke, will lay a corner-stone at Ettrick M. E. Church on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, to mark an important addition to the church and Sunday school. The orator of the occasion will be Rev. Richard Wilkinson, D. D., of Washington Street M. E.

Church.

The corner-stone will bear the dates 1843-1915. In the box will be placed a number of articles, among them the deed for the church property given in 1842 by Allen L. Dorcner to Thomas Archer, D'Arey Paul, Beverly Drinkard, William Brownley, Daniel Lyon, Thomas H. Roper, Edward T. Floyd, William Lea and James B. Read, as trustees, all honored and prominent men of that day. The Sunday school was opened in 1847, The present beloved paster of the church is Rev. C. C. Jones.

In Bad Condition.

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Tom Coles, negro, the Mecklemburg marderer and assailant of Georgia Royster, who had been so improving in the Petersburg Hospital that it was in contemplation to remove him to the city jail, was taken worse yesterday, and the attending physician Dr. H. A. Burke, found it necessary last night to perform a second surgical operation for his relief, removing a rib and taking out a quantity of watter that had necumulated as the result of an abscess in the chest. His condition is reported as very bad, with bott a slim chance for his recovery. Having confessed to the crimes charged against him, it is believed that Coles hopes to die at the hospital in preference to going to the electric chair. He professes to be ready to meet death.

The License Tax Ordinance,

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The Finance Committee of the Council, of which Alderican G. C. Wright is chairman, has had several meetings considering the new license-tax ordinance which is to be presented to the two branches of the Council at the April meetings for adoption. It is understood that the committee will recommend a number of changes from the present ordinance. There will be no change in the license tax on liquor dealers, but the committee, it is understood, will recommend that the tax on fortune tellers be increased from \$50, as it now is, to \$500, and that the tax on barbers he also increased, limit these are only a few of the changes that it is believed will be recommended. The new ordinal participate in the annual Inter-

to have the repainting done by the

The report of the chief of police shows a total of 411 arrests in this city for all causes during the month of March. The report shows an unusually large number of arrests for intoxication, a fact that is explained in large measure by the week-end visits of so many laborers employed at the powder works at City Point, who spend much money in Petersburg, and often indulge too freely. But as a general thing these men are well-behaved and give little trouble. The police blotter shows no serious crimes committed in March, sample assaults and misdemeanors and violations of city ordinances comprising the bulk of oftenses.

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Two small fires occurred in the city vesterday afternoon, in neither of which was the damage more than rivial. The roof of the dwelling in Main Street, Pocahontus, occupied by belia Tatum, colored, caught fire from sparks, and was slightly damaged. The interior of the house in Brown's Alley, occupied by Nora Fitzgernid, colored, was somewhat damaged by an interior fire.

H. H. Hayes, who recently purchased the Warrenton Virginian, published at

Langston Murray, a colored laborer at the Du Pont works, was brought to the hospital here this afternoon badly shot in the head. The particulars of the shooting could not be learned, and hurray was not in condition to tell

Wedded in Richmond. Medded in Richmond.

Miss Nora Lavinia Dalton, of this city, and John Burton Somner, of tireenesville County, were married in Richmond yesterday by the Rev. W. T. Hail, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church. Following the ceremony the couple left for their home, in Greenesville.

News Notes of Interest.

Miss Beatrice Jones, of Albany, N. Y.,
is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. D. Witherspoon, in Marshall Street. She was a
great of the Wednesday Music Club

guest of the Wednesday Music Club vesteroay afternoon, and played several pieces in delightful style. The Petersburg High School baseball club will have a field day at the park on Easter Monday, and will give an exhibition of various athletic sports. Sapony School No. 2, in Dinwiddle county, boasts of a league which has some much toward the improvement of the school and grounds. The interior. the school and grounds. The interior milding has been neatly furnished library has been provided and the grounds are kept in nice order. Miss Beatrice Rainey is the teacher and

president of the league.
It was reported last night that the body of Algie Malone, colored, who disappeared from his home, in Pocahontas, everal weeks ago, and for which the jver has several times been dragged,

had been found in a well. The report proved untrue.

The annual meeting of Post C, Travclers' Protective Association, will be neld Saturday night at the Elks' Home. officers will be elected and delegates appointed to the State and national sonventions.

A burglar was found in the home of

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., April 1.—Edward W.

the Warrenton Virginian, published at Warrenton, Va., has changed the name of the paper to the Warrenton Times the first issue of which will appear this

Governor Considers Petitions RALEIGH, N. C., April 1.—Petitions for the pardon of James Wilcox, con-victed at Elizabeth City, N. C., in 1902, of the murder, on November 20, 1901, of Nellie Cropsey, formerly of New York, were being considered to-day by Governor Craig. Wilcox is said to have tuberculosis.

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### NEWS OF ASHLAND

ASHLAND, April 1.—At the monthly meeting of the Ashland Civic League, held this week, the women decided to raise the \$1,000 necessary to complete the auditorium for the new public the auditorium for the new public the statement of the new public than the statement of the new public than the new public tha

Wood's Hole, Mass., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rudd,

Miss Caroline G. Vandiver is spend-

#### WAKE FOREST READY FOR TO-NIGHT'S DEBATES

Double-Barreled Affair in Which North Carolinians Will Contest With Hichmond College.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch 1 WAKE FOREST, April 1.-Friday night is the date set for the doublebarrel debate between Wake Forest College and Richmond College, of Richmond. Two teams will debate the same question, that of compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes, one at Wake Forest and the other at Richmond. This is the first inter-collegiate debate which Wake Forest has engaged in this year, and it will be the last

year, and it will be the last.
At Wake Forest the Baptists will uphold the affirmative side of the quesuphold the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, That all influstrial disputes should be settled by compulsory arbitration," and at Richmond they will defend the negative. The debaters at Wake Forest will be T. A. Avera, of Rocky Mount, and John P. Mall, of Cleveland County, and B. M. Boyd, of Mecklenburg County as alternate.

The speakers representing Wake Forest at Richmond are Carey Hunter, Jr., of Raleigh, and J. McKinley Pritchard, of Madison, with Lee Carleton, of Dup-

of Madison, with Lee Carleton, of Dup-lin County, as alternate. Mr. Carleton left for Richmond to-day to prepare

the way for the coming of the Wake Forest speakers.

The judges for the debate at Wake Forest are Judge James S. Manning, Judge R. W. Winston and Colonel A. A. Thompson, all of Raleigh.

The announcement this morning that Colonel J. Bryan Grimes, for years North Carolina's Secretary of State, would preside over the debate, was a pleasing one to Wake Forest.

HIGHWAY REING PUT IN EXCELLENT SHAPE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch ] BOYDTON, VA., April 1.—Colonel D. H. Winslow, of the United States Department of Good Roads, in charge Department of Good Roads, in charge of the Washington-Atlanta Highway, northern section, which reaches from Washington to Fayetteville, N. C., stopped here to-day on his regular inspection tour of the route, and had something to say about the condition of his section of the highway. He reports that the route is getting in ex-

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cellent shape rapidly, and the causeway leading up to the bridge over the Dan and Staunton Rivers at Clarksville, which form the Ronnoke River, has re-cently been made passable. This will be good news to tourists, who experienced some trouble at that point du ing the bad winter seasen. Color Windlow has a plan to submit to 'board off Supervisors of this county

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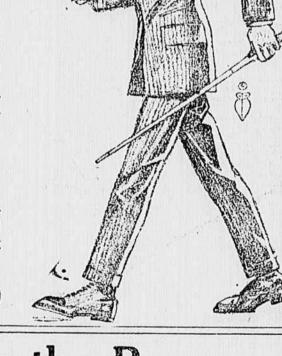
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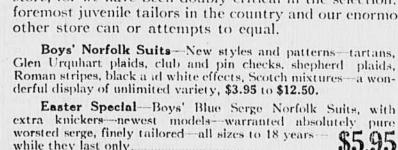
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